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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 November 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-118 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-118 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 6) Other: _____

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-14 and 102, drawn to a method allowing chemical or biological species to participate in a reaction, classified in class 435, subclass 4.
 - II. Claims 15-68, drawn to kits and compositions comprising an article having a surface, a chemical or biological species and an oligonucleotide identifier, classified in class 422, subclass 61.
 - III. Claims 69-101, drawn to a method comprising protein expression, classified in class 435, subclass 6
 - IV. Claims 103-105, 109, 110, drawn to generating a library of nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 68.1.
 - V. Claims 106-110, drawn to generating a library of plasmids, classified in class 435, subclass 320.1.
 - VI. Claims 111-113, drawn to a kit comprising colloid particle, magnetic bead, protein recognition motif and uncharacterized protein, classified in class 422, subclass 61.
 - VII. Claims 114-118, drawn to a method of protein immobilization, classified in class 435, subclass 174.
2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:
 - a. Inventions II and I are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP

§ 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product i.e. the kits and compositions of Invention II can be used to synthesize polymers and does not require the identification of the oligonucleotide identifier as required in the methods of Invention I.

b. Inventions II and III are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product i.e. the kits and compositions of Invention II can be used to synthesize polymers and does not require the protein expression and immobilization of Invention III.

c. Inventions VI and VII are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the kits of Invention VII can be used to isolate and purify protein binding molecules and does not require the immobilization and determination of immobilization of Invention VII.

d. Inventions I, III, IV, V and VII are independent and distinct methods. Inventions are independent and distinct methods. if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation and different functions. The method of Invention I operates by allowing chemical or biological interactions and the method functions to determine participation in the interaction. The method of Invention III

operates by expressing a protein with an oligonucleotide and the method functions to immobilize the express protein relative to the oligonucleotide. The method of Invention IV operates by generating a library of nucleic acids and the method functions to provide a library containing components of a cDNA library and functionality to facilitate binding to a surface. The method of Invention V operates by generating a library of plasmids and the method functions to provide a library containing components of a cDNA library and functionality to facilitate binding to a surface. The method of Invention VII operates by exposing particle-immobilized protein recognition motifs to uncharacterized protein or drug and the method functions to determine immobilization of the uncharacterized protein or drug.

e. Inventions II and VI are independent and distinct kits and compositions. Inventions are independent and distinct if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case the different inventions are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation and different functions. The kits and compositions of Invention II operate as an article having a surface and species and species identifier adapted to be fastened to the surface and the kits and compositions function to integrate the surface, species and species identifier in a kit or composition format. In contrast, the kit of invention VI operates as a particle, bead, recognition motif adapted for particle-immobilization and protein or drug adapted for bead immobilization and the kit functions to contain the components in a kit format

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

5. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to BJ Forman whose telephone number is (703) 306-5878. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 TO 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Jones can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4242 for regular communications and (703) 308-8724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.


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